

REMARKS CONCERNING THE AMENDMENTS

The above amendments were made in an effort to more clearly present the claimed technology and to provide alternative language for the invention.

Antecedent basis for the amendments to the specification may be found in the original specification (for the description of the Figures, see pages 21-24). The claim for priority is based upon the existing claim for priority in the Application, and the published claim for priority already established in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/322,042, filed May 28, 1999, and published as Publication No. 2002/0072667 on June 13, 2002.

Antecedent basis for new claims 39-41 may be found generally in the specification and, for example, previous claims 31-33 and pages 21-23 wherein planar images are superimposed (e.g., a form of comparison) with contour maps from MR image data sets.

Antecedent basis for new claims 42-51 may be found generally in the specification and on page 3, lines 5-12.

SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS AND THE RESPONSE

The Rejections

All rejections of record have been previously responded to. These amendments and new claims are provided to assist Applicants in obtaining claims of appropriate scope.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application and claims are now in proper order and in condition for allowance. **If the Examiner believes that any issues remain that can be resolved by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the attorney of record.** Please direct any inquiries to the undersigned attorney at (952) 832-9090.

Respectfully submitted,

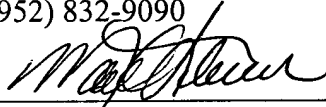
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